

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Related Applications paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 as follows in marked-up form:

This application ~~claims the benefit~~ is a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/656,861, filed September 6, 2003 and entitled "Magnetic Force Devices, Systems, and Methods for Resisting Tissue Collapse within the ~~Pharyngeal~~ Pharyngeal Conduit,"[;] and a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/236,455, filed September 6, 2002 and entitled "Systems and Methods for Moving and/or Restraining Tissue in the Upper Respiratory System,"[;] This application also claims the benefit of ~~and~~ United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/441,639, filed January 22, 2003 and entitled "Magnetic Splint Device and Method for the Treatment of Upper Airway Collapse in Obstructive Sleep Apnea[;]," and the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/456,164, filed March 20, 2003 and entitled "Device and Method for Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders Including Snoring and Sleep Apnea," which are each incorporated herein by reference.